

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) [Compulsive] PROBLEM gambling is a serious social problem;
- (2) There is evidence that the availability of gambling increases the risk of becoming a [compulsive] PROBLEM gambler; and
- (3) This State, with its extensive legalized gambling, has an obligation to provide a program of treatment for [compulsive] PROBLEM gamblers.

19-803.

[As a pilot project, the] THE Secretary shall establish [a center for compulsive gamblers at a place that the Secretary determines to be accessible to a major population center of this State] A NETWORK OF CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO PROBLEM GAMBLERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

19-804.

(a) (1) The Secretary [may] SHALL make grants from or agreements for the use of State FUNDS, INCLUDING THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, and federal funds to help public agencies or nonprofit organizations operate the [center for compulsive gamblers and establish and operate local programs to provide the following for compulsive gamblers:

- (i) Inpatient services.
- (ii) Outpatient services.
- (iii) Partial care services.
- (iv) Aftercare services.

(v) Consultative services.] NETWORK OF CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR PROBLEM GAMBLERS WHO RESIDE IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) INPATIENT AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES;
- (II) OUTPATIENT SERVICES;
- (III) INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES;